



**BOARD OF ETHICS**  
CITY OF CHICAGO

November 8, 2013

The Honorable Willie B. Cochran  
Alderman, 20<sup>th</sup> Ward  
Room 300, City Hall  
121 N. LaSalle St.  
Chicago, IL 60602

**Re: Your October 24, 2013 letter**

Dear Alderman Cochran,

The Office of Budget and Management (OBM) has provided answers to a number of the questions you requested in your letter dated October 24, 2013. For the remaining questions, please find the response of the Board of Ethics.

Answers to questions 1-5 were provided by OBM.

6. Our working draft of our rules and regulations (currently in revision) are available for public comment here:

[http://www.cityofchicago.org/city/en/depts/ethics/provdrs/reg/news/2013/jul/draft\\_rules\\_and\\_regulationsforpubliccomment.html](http://www.cityofchicago.org/city/en/depts/ethics/provdrs/reg/news/2013/jul/draft_rules_and_regulationsforpubliccomment.html)

7. None to aldermen; none to City departments; one to a person who is now a private individual but who was a City employee at the time of the violation.
8. 14 petitions to investigate aldermen submitted by the Legislative Inspector General were approved in 2013 to date. No investigations of City departments were opened. One investigation of a private individual was opened in 2013 (see 7, above). 7 investigations of aldermen conducted by the Legislative Inspector General were closed (3 are now being adjudicated). The one investigation conducted of the private individual was closed.

Yours very truly,

Steven I. Berlin  
Executive Director



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TO: The Honorable Carrie Austin  
Chairman, Committee on Budget and Government Operations

FROM: Steve I. Berlin, Executive Director, Chicago Board of Ethics

DATE: November 14, 2013

RE: Request for Information

CC: Maria Guerra, Mayor's Office of Legislative Counsel and Government Affairs

REF ID: 78 – 2 – Response to Alderman Thomas

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During our recent hearing to discuss the 2014 proposed budget, Alderman Thomas requested additional information on the number of Legislative Inspector General petitions in the 1st and 2nd year.

A total of 28 cases were approved by the Board of Ethics for investigation by the Legislative Inspector General (LIG). Please see the chart below for a list of the number of cases and the month of approval. Please note that the Board of Ethics does not control when and whether the LIG brings petitions to commence investigations to the Board. As a result, there are several months in which no petitions were granted by the Board because none were presented by the LIG.

	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>
Jan		
Feb		
March	1	7
May	2	1
June	5	1
July	2	2
Aug.	1	2
Oct.	2	2
Nov.		N/A
December		N/A